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Books I've Read: 2019 (Beginning in May)

On Writing by Stephen King

Smoky the Cowhorse by Will James

Shadows by Robin McKinley (reread)

Howard's End by E.M. Forster

Big Magic by Elizabeth Gilbert

Fairest by Gail Carson Levine

Forgive Me, I Meant to Do It by Gail Carson Levine

Atomic Habits by James Clear

A Tale of Two Castles by Gail Carson Levine

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up by Marie Kondo

Minimalist Living by Genevieve Parker Hill

The Language of Spells by Garret Weyr

A Date with Darcy (Bookish Boyfriends) by Tiffany Schmidt

The Creature of the Pines (Unicorn Rescue Society) by Adam Gidwitz

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling (reread)

Sweet Home Alaska by Carole Estby Dagg

Chalice by Robin McKinley (reread)

What to Say Next by Julie Buxbaum

The Only Alien on the Planet by Kristen D. Randle (reread)

Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell

A Tale Dark and Grimm by Adam Gidwitz



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Ink, Iron, and Glass by Gwendolyn Clare

Ogre Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

The Bookish Life of Nina Hill by Abbi Waxman

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling (reread)

The Chupacabras of the Rio Grande (Unicorn Rescue Society) by Adam Gidwitz and David Bowles

Shadows: the Books of Elsewhere by Jacqueline West

The Trumpeter of Krakow by Eric P. Kelly

Books I didn't finish:

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling (reread)

Beauty by Robin McKinley (reread)

Stepsister by Jennifer Donnelly (very well-written but too grim-dark for me)

Front Desk by Kelly Lang (not in the mood for jerk bosses at the moment)

Girl, Wash Your Face by Rachel Hollis (loved the voice and the chapter on writing, not in the mood for the rest)

The Bookshop on the Shore by Jenny Colgan (not impressed by the writing)

Gold by Isaac Asimov (I read just the final third about writing)

Gay-Neck: the Story of a Pigeon by Dhan Gopal Mukerji (writing is good, an interestingly different perspective on life in India, but too boring to get into as I predicted from the subtitle)



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This year my boys (ages 6 and 4) began to read chapter books with me, so those are marked as read alouds. (*Matilda* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* were my 6-year-old's favorites.)

30-Day Money Cleanse by Ashley Feinstein Gerstley

Rebel of the Sands by Alwyn Hamilton

Whiskey in a Teacup by Reese Witherspoon

Life in a Medieval Castle by Joseph and Frances Gies

Cheshire Crossing by Andy Weir

Jo's Boys by Louisa May Alcott

Letters from Father Christmas by JRR Tolkien

The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making by Catherynne M. Valente

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Soulless by Gail Carriger (adult)

The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence

Sorcery and Cecelia by Patricia C. Wrede and Caroline Stevermer (reread)

Book of Enchantments by Patricia C. Wrede (reread)

Why Not Me? by Mindy Kaling

Fellowship of the Ring by J.R.R. Tolkien (reread)

The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon

The Spiderwick Chronicles (The Field Guide/The Seeing Stone) by Holly

Black and Tony DiTerlizzi

Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik

The Hero and the Crown by Robin McKinley



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The Ickabog by J.K. Rowling

The Giver by Lois Lowry

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame (read aloud with boys)

The BFG by Roald Dahl (read aloud with boys)

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling (reread)

How to Find Love in a Bookshop by Veronica Henry

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl (read aloud with boys)

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl (audiobook with the boys)

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien

Awaken by Skye Malone

The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich

No Idle Hands: the Social History of American Knitting by Anne L. Macdonald

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Matilda by Roald Dahl (read aloud with the boys)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling (reread)

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis (read aloud with the boys)

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling (reread)

Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis (read aloud with the boys)

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling (reread)

Amulet: the Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi

The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton

The Party by Mona Ingram*

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Unexpected Gifts by Elena Aitken*

Piranesi by Susanna Clarke



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Christmas at the Ranch by Liz Isaacson*

The Redesigned Ranch by Liz Isaacson

Starry Night by Debbie Macomber*

Brush Creek Cowboy by Liz Isaacson

Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik (yes, this was so good I read it a second time in one year)

*cheesy Christmas romances

Didn't finish:

The Way I Heard It by Mike Rowe

Rich Dad, Poor Dad by Robert Kiyosaki (only read the chapter summaries)

If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name by Heather Lende (too about death)

Lost and Found by Orson Scott Card (too creepy)

Changeless by Gail Carriger (adult)

Short Story Writing by Charles Raymond Barrett

The Witch's Vacuum Cleaner and Other Stories by Terry Pratchett

Martha Stewart Organizing (read half, skimmed the rest)

The Sea Fairies by L. Frank Baum (boring)

I Owe You One by Sophie Kinsella (adult)

His Christmas Wish by Melissa McClone*

Wrede on Writing by Patricia C. Wrede (I'll come back and finish another time)

The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron (I'll come back and finish another time)